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County Executive

May 11, 2011

Ms. Carol Henry
Co-Chair
Ms. Daphne Pee
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Dear Mses. Henry and Pee:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the proposed cuts to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) budget and the potential impact these cuts may have on the County's ability to protect water quality and to meet the County's water quality goals.

My Recommended Operating Budget for FY12 is posted on the County's website, www.montgomerycountymd.gov. In the upcoming fiscal year the County continues to face many fiscal challenges and we will have to make difficult decisions in developing the FY13 Operating Budget. We are experiencing long-term reductions in Federal, State, and County revenues which have placed us in a very challenging fiscal situation.

The current fiscal climate mandates that we conduct an assessment of how government services are provided, the identification of redundancies and potential savings, and the redeployment of resources to best serve the residents of the County. My FY12 funding recommendations reflected this assessment and outlined operational savings as well as several governmental restructuring proposals.

I forwarded my FY12 funding recommendations to the County Council on March 15, 2011. In response, M-NCPPC has submitted to Council its proposed reductions in order to meet the recommended funding level. M-NCPPC has proposed charging some personnel expenses related to stormwater management to the County's Water Quality Protection Fund (WQPF). The Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee worksessions on the M-NCPPC operating budget have occurred and the Committee supported M-NCPPC's recommendation to charge the WQPF for staff directly in support of stormwater management, watershed protection, water quality, and water quality monitoring. Final funding decisions rest with the County Council.

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I want to thank you for forwarding your thoughts on this matter. If you have other questions regarding the budget process, please contact Amy Wilson at the Office of Management and Budget, at amy.wilson@montgomerycountymd.gov or (240) 777-2775.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Isiah Leggett", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

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c: Robert Hoyt, Director, Department of Environmental Protection